¶ An addition declaratorie to the Bulles, with a searching of the Maze.

Seen and allowed.

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THat ye be not deceaued, good Readers, for I see it commonly mistaken, I thought it good to let you know, that the Bull which is published in Print in Latine and Englishe, together with the forme of Absolution annexed vnto it, is not the same Bull that was set vp at the Bishops gate, as many suppose, but another. For plaine explication of the truth, ye shall vnderstand that there be two Bulles. The one conteineth a power and forme to pardon, absolue, and reconcile all such as would returne from the Christian Religion now taught in England, which they call heresie, and from obeying our Queene and her Lawes, which they slaunderously call schisme, to the bosome of the Church of Rome, which we may truely call Helles mouth.

The dispensation publishing and employing of this Bull was committed to Doctor Harding, and to many other seuerally, not onely to relieue those Popish Patriarkes with the graine of that pardon, but specially to send out those Archepapistes with that Bull of reconcilement

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among the Quéenes faint subiectes English Papistes, as it were capitaines to strike vp their drommes to gather soldiers, offering them great wages that should fight vnder the Popes banner for an other hed agaynst our Quéene, that is, remission of their sinnes, as pure cleanenesse as when they were baptised, restitution to the communion of the faythfull, absolution from all sentences, and from all paynes of Purgatorye, and the enioying of life and kingdome euerlasting.

With these Bulles and this proclaiming of wages, they haue bene gathering of rebelles euer since the yeare 1567. and haue withall geuen to very many of them presh money to be ready in rebellions, that is, certaine papers and badges of sondry formes, some with a figure of Christ crucified, some with fiue woundes, and some other.

Since which time, namely in the ende of Februarie 1569. when the late rebellion was redy layed and in hatching, the Popes holinesse hath decred an other Bull, no dout at the spetiall sute, procurement, instance, and importunate calling on of our Englishe traitors, and among other

other D. Harding and the rest that procured the other Bulles.

In this is conteined an arrogant, tyrannicall, and blasphemous taking to himselfe the power, as committed to him from God, to destroy, transpose, and alter kingdomes at his pleasure, a number of vile and horrible sclanders and vncomely naminges of our Quéene, such as a good subiect can hardly heare with pacience, the very effect of a great part of the late rebelles proclamation as it were translated, & finally his lewd presumptuous sentence of her maiesties deprivation, in so spitefull abhominable, villanous, and traitorous forme as is not to be rehersed. This is the Bull that was set vp at the Bishops gate.

It seemeth by all probabilitie, and no dout vpon examinations it will so fall out, that the originall of this Bull sealed was among our rebelles, and (as it is thought) brought them by Markenfeld or some such other, or deliuered them vpon their conference with strangers, and kept close among them ready to be published so soone as they should haue bene able to get into their company such hed as they desired to set vp after our Quéene, or such strength

as that they durſt anow it. God ſo pꝛe-
uented them that they neuer came ſo far.

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London. number of Papiſtes, that ſometime did communicate with vs, oꝛ at leaſt came oꝛ-dinarily to our publike pꝛayers, haue of late foꝛboꝛne, and by this note ſhall ye know many of them.

In hope of the ſucceſſe of this Bull, were (as it is repoꝛted) letanies and pꝛay-ers in Rome foꝛ the good ſpéede of our rebelles.

In furtherance of the ſucceſſe of thys Bull, was the ſpꝛeading of falſe newes in Spaine, of a great battell in Ireland be-twene Papiſtes and Chꝛiſtians, wherein an Angell with a Chalice in his hand was repoꝛted to haue diſcomfited many thou-ſandes of our Quéenes ſubiectes, foꝛ which there were in Spaine publike gratulati-ons, ringing of belles, and trimphinges, adoꝛned with the greateſt pꝛeſences there, oꝛ rather (as may well be ſuſpected) pꝛay-ers foꝛ our rebelles ſucceſſe, accoꝛding to the good meaning of the holy league oꝛ the conſpiracie of Trent.

H In hope of the ſucceſſe of thys Bull, our Louaniſtes haue ſtayed their handes

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from writing, and stand in suspense (better it were they did hang in suspense) and expectation what will become of these mischieues whereof them selues haue bene the proctors.

In hope of the successe of this Bull, a number of Papistes haue fled of late, and some of them with promising or rather threatening by letters a recompensing at their returne of such kindnesses as are shewed to their friendes in their absence, haue vttered their courage.

This is the Bull that maketh so many Papists stand yet so stiffly in not acknowledging her maiesties iust authoritie. And whatsoeuer they pretend for ecclesiasticall causes, the very truth is to be thought that since the decrée and publication of this Bull, the most part of them estéeme not the Quene lawfull Quene of this realme, sithe the Pope hath decréed the contrarie, who they thinke can not erre. And no dout if an othe were ministred in thys forme that they should acknowledge her maiestie lawful Quene of this realme, notwithstanding any sentence that the Pope hath geuen or can geue, and that if he haue or shall presume to geue any such

sentence they estéeme it erroneous and presumptuous, & will to their power resist him, his adherentes, & fautors that shal attempt to put any such sentence in execution or affirme it lawfull: surely they would likewise refuse such othe, vnlesse they wold affirme the Pope to erre shamefully, iudicially, presumptuously, seditiously, traitorously, and in vilest maner, which they would neuer sincerely confesse: but in answering the interrogatories ministred in the boke of warning they would shewe them selues as euill subiectes in very déede as they haue by some proceding, and specially by setting vp of thys Bull, shewed the same warning to be true and reasonable.

Because they neuer came in the rebellion time to possession and habilitie to set vp the Comete whom they meant to aduaunce in stede of the Sunne rising, I meane, they had not the person whom they would extoll, nor the power to auow it, neither by forein ioyning, nor by domesticall strength, it séemeth they did forbeare the proclaiming of thys great Bull, and haue hidden him in the Maze. And yet hauing some hope left that toward sommer

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perhappes some soles would be madde, or yet at the least desperately at all a very ventures to vtter their stomake, they set vp a printed copie of thys Bull, whereby they haue shewed that they not onely had the originall to be proclaimed if time and other circumstances had serued, but also had prouided a number of copies printed, sodenly to make it common, and therewithall by the way a signification that our bakemen are priuie to it.

Fayling yet of this hope, and the wiser sort of them espying that the vnseasonable setting it vp came not to so politike end as they loked for, to supplie the fault of that rashnesse, they haue found a new deuise. Their complices, and the secret fauorers of these treasons, or paraduenture such as (for some respectes) are loth that to much of the bottome of this treason should be searched, haue spred or fauored a rumor, and geuen insinuation that it is no true thing, but counterfaited by protestantes to bring the papistes in hatred.

No, no, this feteh is to farre fet a great deale. Treason it is, and vile and hie treason, to auance such a thing, whosoeuer do it, protestant or papist. And no protestant,

you may be ſure, will traitorouſly ouer-throw this eſtate, neither is any of them ſo madde to thinke it a good excuſe for him-ſelf, if he ſhould be arrained for traitorous ſetting vp of ſuch a Bull or paper, to ſay he did it of an other intent to bring papiſtes the Quéenes enemies in hatred. And ſo may we well be bold to ſay, that there is not a proteſtant in England of ſufficient wit and habilitie to forge ſuch a Bull, that would be content himſelfe to be be hanged drawen and quartered to ſpite a papiſt, or that doth thinke he ſhould ſpite a papiſt in procuring to himſelfe ſo great a danger.

But the thing being ſo traitorous and perilous, euen in a proteſtant ſo intending as theſe pretend, I would faine learne, or rather haue it remembred of them to whom it apperteineth, of what qualitie the offence is in theſe qualifiers to concele it. I do not meane of leauing it vndiſcloſed when they know it, but of doing what they can by perſwaſion that other ſhould not finde it, or by diſſwaſion tranſferring the ſuſpicion an other way. Such are not like to ſuch concelers of felonies and trea-ſons as do not vtter the felonies, treaſons and offenders that they know, but they are

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nae onto thole that when a felon or traitor is purſued, do helpe to hide him, and conuey him into bie corners, and for the felons or traitors eaſier eſcape do tell them that purſue him that he is gone a contrarie way or geue them contrarie markes to keepe them from knowing and attaching him, or point them to a wrong perſone while the very theefe or traitor may make ſhift for himſelfe, yea and lend him ſome of their owne clothes to diſguiſe him.

The thing is to euident, and thereby the truth of ſuch hiders is the more ſuſpicious. There are intelligences enow that the effect of the thing it ſelfe was more than a yere agoe decreed in Rome. The ordinarie proceeding of the Pope in like caſes, and ſpecially the following of the holy league inducetb it. The print is not vnknowen. The very paper, after it was taken downe, falling it ſelfe into the former creſtes & foldes and ſize of the packet wherein it came ouer, with a number of other plaine euidences, diſcloſe the thing, and whence it came. Beſides the very thing is ſuch that he may well be ſayd to lacke iudgement that diſcerneth it not to

be a very Bull. Be not therefore deceaued ye good subiectes: and ye deceiuers, beware ye deceiue not your selues.

Thus it is euident that such perswaders lacke either wit or truth, but I feare me they are so vaine glorious, and stand so much vpon vndeserued reputation, that they can be better content to be traitors than to be taken for fooles.

But let vs call to mynde, & gather some fruite of the olde tale of Cassandra king Pryames daughter of Troy. She hauing the gift of prophecie by Apollo, alway to geue true warninges, had yet this punishment aneyed, that though she propheried truely she should neuer be beleued. So happened it that when suttle Sinon had perswaded the Troianes vnder false pretense of religion, and specially a dissembling shew of dedication to Pallas goddesse of wisdome, that is, vnder colour of wisdome and policie, to breake downe their walles to receiue the horse that the Grecians had framed and stuffed full of chosen soldiars, Cassandra gaue warning what treason the horses wombe conteined. But by the ordinarie and fatall discredit that was layed vpon her, and for that (as Poets

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say) the fates and destinies of Troyes destruction were not remoueable, she was not beleued, the walles were broken downe, the horse deuoutely receiued, and though the armour within gaue sound and noyse, yet was he vnsearched, in the night Sinon opened the windowe, the armed men issued out, the Citie was fired and destroyed, and all (as the Poets tell) by conduct of Pallas goddesse of wisdome and policie.

I will not at this time prosecute the tale of Laocoon, his office of priesthode, his speare, the serpent from sea, his children, nor the rest, wherof euery poynt and euery particle hath his apt resemblance for our benefit.

Onely this I will say, that it may be that for our sinnes we haue Cassandraes plague, though truth be tolde vs, it is possibly not beleued. The Grecians then framed a horse. The Papistes haue now framed a Bull. Their horse was stuffed full of soldiers lurking redy to be let out to set Troye on fire. This Bull is stuffed with traiterous practises to destroy thys realme. Sinon perswaded them to receiue the Troyan horse without violating or

searching it. Our Sinons & lewd qualifiers would haue the Bul esteemed an other thing, and take from vs the desire to haue his belly searched. Their horse with remouing shoke, and they might heare the very sound of the armour within him. In this Bull the euidences are plaine of open treason, and the very effect of our rebelles proclamation translated soundeth within it, and semeth as it were out of the very Bulles belly to roare and tell vs that all they were priuy to it that were by any appendance or deuise of coniunction or alliance knit to the late rebellion: as also hard it is to excuse Æneas and Antenor great Lordes of Pryames house for knowing to much of the Grecians counsell. Cassandra cryeth out agaynst the horse, the fates will not let her be beleued, Sinon opened the windowe, the horse vnladed his treasons. Lay this to our case, I will compare no more.

The Lord be mercifull vnto vs and preserue our Prince, and contrey, which without our prince can not in all likelihode be preserued. God keepe her noble Counsellers, and geue grace to all her subiectes to sticke fast and faithfully to her,

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and graunt to her maiestie to continue to
sticke fast to true subiectes, and prin-
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